



# No. 1

of the WBFSH Dressage  
Sire Ranking 2012

*At the age of eight  
De Niro won the  
Hamburg Dressage  
Derby under Dolf-  
Dietram Keller.*

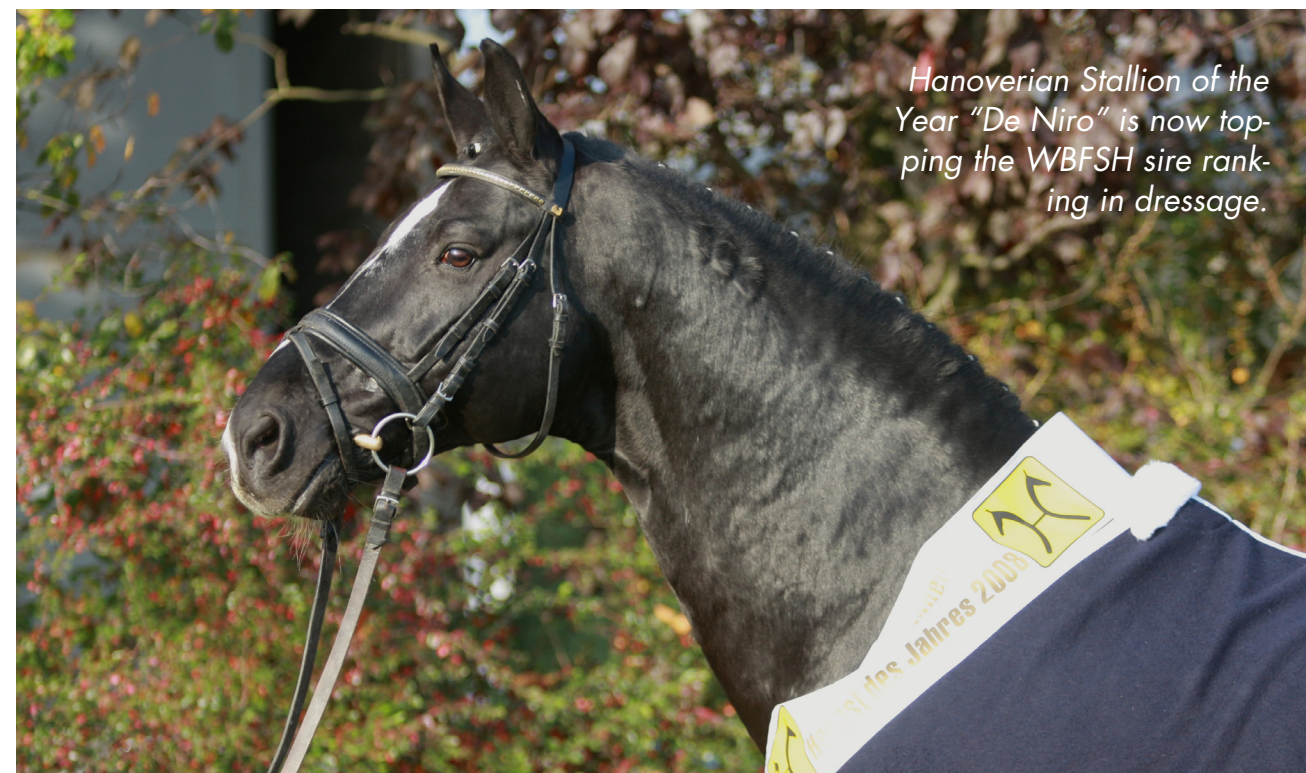
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## DE NIRO

Born: 1993  
 Breed: Hanoverian  
 Breeder: Brigitte Pahl  
 Owner: Klosterhof Medingen  
 Approved: Oldenburg, Hanover, Westphalia,  
 Rhineland, Saxony-Anhalt,  
 Mecklenburg-Wester Pomerania,  
 Sweden and France.

Since a fantastic start to his career, De Niro has become a legend as a dressage sire, and he has been very successful in top sport himself. In his career as a sire, De Niro has produced over 70 licensed sons, and he has numerous offspring successfully competing in the dressage arenas worldwide.

De Niro is referred to as "the embodiment of the Hanoverian stallion." De Niro is an exceptional stallion of superlative type and performance. He is a wonderful combination of the best bloodlines of Oldenburg and Trakehner, with a dash of Thoroughbred, insuring success as a sire of noble sport horses.



*Hanoverian Stallion of the Year "De Niro" is now topping the WBFSH sire ranking in dressage.*

### De Niro's Career Highlights

- 1997:** Reserve Champion of the stallion performance test in Adelheidsdorf with an overall 141.93 and dressage winner with a score of 145.41
- 2000:** Successful at Grand Prix at the age of seven
- 2001:** Winner of the German Championships for Professional Riders under Dolf-Dietram Keller
- 2002:** International wins in Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special in Saumur and Berlin
- 2003:** Winner of the German Dressage Derby in Hamburg
- 2004:** Sire of the Hanoverian Licensing Champion in Verden, Dancier, following two vice champions in previous years.
- 2005:** Dam sire of the Hanoverian Licensing Champion in Verden.
- 2006:** Sire of the largest contingency of offspring (14) at the Bundeschampionate in Warendorf.
- 2007:** Deveraux by De Niro becomes the World Champion of the 6-year-old dressage horses.
- 2008:** Hanoverian Stallion of the Year with several offspring already successful at Grand Prix.
- 2009:** Two offspring in the European Championships.
- 2010:** 5th on the WBFSH Dressage Sire Ranking with 10 successful offspring competing internationally at Grand Prix. Dablino by De Niro wins team bronze at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky ridden by Anabel Balkenhol, and Desperados by De Niro wins the German Dressage Derby in Hamburg under Falk Rosenbauer.
- 2011:** Offspring earn over 230,000 Euro in winnings in 2011 pushing the total winnings of De Niro's offspring over the 1 million Euro mark.
- 2012:** A total of 6 offspring travel to the Olympic Games in London. For Germany: Desperados ridden by Kristina Sprehe, Dablino under Anabel Balkenhol, as well as the reserve horse, D'Agostino ridden by Fabienne Lütke-meier. For Spain: Delgado ridden by Beatriz Ferrer-Salat, for Belgium: Donnerfee under Claudia Fassaert, and the reserve horse for Canada: Devon L ridden by Diane Creech.